

*Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 116-139 (Cancelled)

140. (Currently Amended) A user station comprising:

a user interface;

a processor; and

programmed logic;

wherein the processor ~~executes~~ being configured to execute the programmed logic to enable ~~a user~~ access at the user station ~~to access~~, via the user interface, to fixed information content from each of a plurality of independently published portable storage media together with ~~respective~~ related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources,

wherein, for each of the plurality of independently published portable storage media, the user interface is customized with respect to the fixed information content stored thereon ~~on the portable storage medium when the user accesses~~ responsive to access of the fixed information content ~~stored on the storage medium~~, and

wherein each of the plurality of independently published portable storage media includes a specification of predefined transport tasks, and wherein further, the user station initiates connections to the ~~first remote content source~~ one or more remote information content sources in accordance with the predefined transport tasks.

141. (Cancelled)

142. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the remote information content includes first remote information content that is provided to the user with a first look and feel specific to first fixed information content included on a first one of the plurality of portable storage media, and second remote information content that is provided to the user with a second look and feel specific to second fixed information content included on a second one of the plurality of portable storage media.

143. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first look and feel is customized by an author of the first fixed information content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by an author of the second fixed information content.

144. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein each of the first remote information content and the second remote information content includes a web page.

145. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a first remote information content source and wherein the second remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a second remote information content source.

146. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein at least one of the plurality of portable storage media includes computer executable software that can be installed on the user station to establish connections between the user station and the one or more remote information content sources.

147. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are initiated ~~by the user~~ at the user station.

148. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are made in accordance with a specification included in the fixed information content stored on at least one of the plurality of portable storage media.

149. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are ~~transparent~~ initiated transparently to the user concurrent additional operations at the user station.

150. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first fixed information content can be presented ~~to~~ at the user station together with the first remote information content in such a manner that ~~the user perceives a~~ an apparently seamless integration of the first fixed information content and the first remote information content is presented at the user station and wherein the second fixed information content can be presented ~~to~~ at the user station together with the second remote information content in such a manner that ~~the user perceives a~~ an apparently seamless

integration of the second fixed information content and the second remote information content is presented at the user station.

151. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the plurality of portable storage media includes a first portable storage medium that includes first fixed information content and link data identifying a respective first remote information content source.

Claims 152-175 (Cancelled)

176. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a source address for a particular remote information content source.

177. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a manifest list specifying selections of remote media content.

178. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a portable storage medium identification, wherein the portable storage medium identification can be used to access respective remote information content from one or more remote information content sources.

179. (New) A portable storage medium, having stored thereon:

fixed information content;

first program logic to enable access, via a user interface, the fixed information content together with related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources;

second program logic for customizing the user interface with respect to the fixed information content in response to access of the fixed information content; and

third program logic including a specification of predefined transport tasks to enable the user station to initiate a connection to one or more remote information content sources to retrieve the related remote information content in accordance with the predefined transport tasks.

180. (New) The portable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the remote information content is provided at the user interface with a first look and feel specific to the fixed content.

181. (New) The portable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated at the user station.

182. (New) The portable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated transparently to concurrent additional operations at the user station.

183. (New) The portable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the fixed information content can be presented to the user together with the remote information content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the fixed information content and the remote information content.